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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/206,040; Filed: December 4, 1998  
For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules  
Associated with Plants**  
Inventors: Joseph R. Byrum *et al.*  
Our Ref: 04983.0151.US01/38-21(15446)B

Sir:

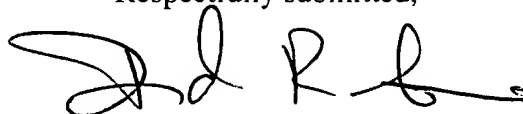
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1. Response;
2. Information Disclosure Statement;
3. PTO Form 1449 (10 pages) with 29 references;
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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